and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and the percentage utilisation at the All India level is given in the following table :

Sl. No.	Year	% Utilisation of availlable resources			
		Orissa		All India	
		NREP	RLEGP	NREP	RLEGP
1	1987-88	77.71	62.91	75.52	76.06
2	1988-89	89.00	84.48	68.77	70.48

The perusal of the table would show that the percentage utilisation in Orissa was comparable to the National average. The Government of Orissa in a White Paper on Drought situation in Orissa (1987-88) expressed confidence of being able to contain the drought situation and eleminating serious distress.

(c) No report of the drought condition has been rceived from any State so far after the commencement of the current south-west monsoon period.

(d) Central assistance for drought relief in the wake of crop failure include agriculture input subsidy, drinking water Programmes, employment generation works, cattle conservation, fodder supply, supplementary nutrition programme and facilities for conversion of short-term loans into medium-term loans. Long term measures to minimise the effect of drought in the drought prone areas ar attempted through programmes like Drought Prone Area Programme.

Survey conducted by mineral exploration corporation

2121. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Mineral Exploration Corporation had undertaken drilling, mining and survey works in some States during the last three years;

(b) if so, the names of such States;

(c) whether any survey mining of drilling activities were undertaken by the Mineral Exploration Corporation in Orissa during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. MECL, during the last three years, had undertaken drilling, mining and survey works in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Haryana, Karnataka, Orissa, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa and North eastern States.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. MECL, during the last three years, carried out detailed exploration for coal in Talcher coalfields on behalf of Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (Coal India Ltd.). Ground Water drilling was also undertaken in the districts of Baripada, Ganjam, Koraput and Keonjhar of Orissa on behalf of Ground Water Board and Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Orissa.